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TWO MANCHESTER MEN SENTENCED FOR REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that yesterday two former Manchester residents were sentenced to federal prison for reentering the United States after being deported. Dennis Joel Martinez-Flores, age 41, was sentenced to 24 months and 43-year-old Angel Leonidas Matos was sentenced to 27 months. Both men face deportation to their home countries upon completion of their federal prison sentences.

"These sentences reflect our commitment to vigorously enforce our country's criminal immigration laws," said United States Attorney Tom Colantuono. "They demonstrate that violations of those laws will result in prosecution and significant jail time."

Martinez-Flores is a citizen of Honduras and was previously deported from the United States in February 1996 and in July 1997. He was arrested in New London, New Hampshire on March 30, 2004, by agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement for again being in the United States illegally.

Matos is a citizen of the Dominican Republic. He had been deported from the United States in August 1992 and November 1997. Matos was arrested in Manchester by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents on March 1, 2004, when they discovered that he was once again in the United States illegally.

These cases were investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, and were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.